GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO-U.K JOINT WORKING GROUP ON TERRORISM DRUG TRAFFICKING
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.K and India have set up a Joint Working Group on International terrorism and drug trafficking; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. In accordance with a decision taken by the Home Ministers of India and the UK, a Joint Working Group (JWG) has been set up to address our shared concerns on international terrorism and its inter-linkages with drug trafficking. The JWG provides an institutional framework for ongoing bilateral cooperation on these issues.

Extensive discussions between Indian and British Officials during the first meeting of the JWG on 22 January 2001 in New Delhi revealed a growing convergence of our views on these issues, including on the activities of organisations which have indulged in terrorism in India and have some form of representation in the UK.It has been decided that the Working Group would be meeting at regular intervals.